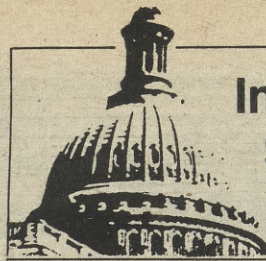


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## Crusade Ousts Woman For Gay 'Leanings'

By JOAN DERRICK

The ringing of the phone woke me early Sunday morning, July 10. A man's voice asked for me and went on to say, "I'm calling about your application to be a counselor at the crusade. Can you meet with us?"

A few minutes later, after agreeing to meet with Pastor Clarence Walth of Sunrise Baptist Church, also the Chairman of Counseling and Follow-up for the Greater Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade, on that coming Thursday afternoon, many thoughts went through my mind.

I'd attended the counselor's training, officially the "Christian Life and Witness Course," in response to flyers I'd seen in a Christian bookstore and announcements on the radio. I didn't know a lot about the Billy Graham crusade other than watching him occasionally on T.V. I did feel that as a Christian I should share what I knew about Jesus Christ with others. This seemed to be a chance to learn more and to share.

I attended the training in May, one evening a week for four weeks plus some time for study during the week. At the same time I was preparing for finals at college but I felt that this was time well spent. The last night of the training we turned in our applications to be counselors.

"Approximately six thousand counselors are needed for the crusade," we were told. The form asked for basic information—name, age, occupation, etc. It also asked several questions about my beliefs on various facets of the Christian faith, when and how I "became a Christian," and required the signed "recommendation" of my pastor.

A few weeks later I received a letter thanking me for preparing for the crusade, and reminding me of the counselor's practice on Sept. 10. I also received a letter asking me to attend the "Nurture Group" training, a course in how to lead Bible study groups after the crusade. I attended these classes once a week for two weeks.

I did a lot of thinking in the four days between the Sunday phone call and the Thursday meeting. I guess that the thought I had most often was, "It's either because I'm

Lutheran or because I'm gay." I was sure of one thing. They weren't doing personal interviews with all six thousand prospective counselors.

On Thursday as I waited in the reception area to see Pastor Walth I picked up the bulletin from the prior Sunday. In it was a letter from W.B. Timberlake of the "Committee on Moral Concerns" urging the reader to help defeat AB1. On the back of the letter was an "analysis" of AB1 that included "... protection for openly professing homosexuals, bisexuals, sadists and masochists." It went on to twist the facts about AB1. I was stunned.

Pastor Walth came out, invited me into his office. "Call me Pastor Clarence," he said. He then introduced me to Pastor Gary, "who's going to sit in with us."

For the first half hour we discussed the Lutheran Church, and why my church wasn't "participating" in the crusade. (The Lutheran Church has strong beliefs about grace and has some disagreements theologically with the crusade's emphasis on an individual's "decision" as opposed to God's grace. We discussed my own beliefs and I was asked and answered numerous questions.

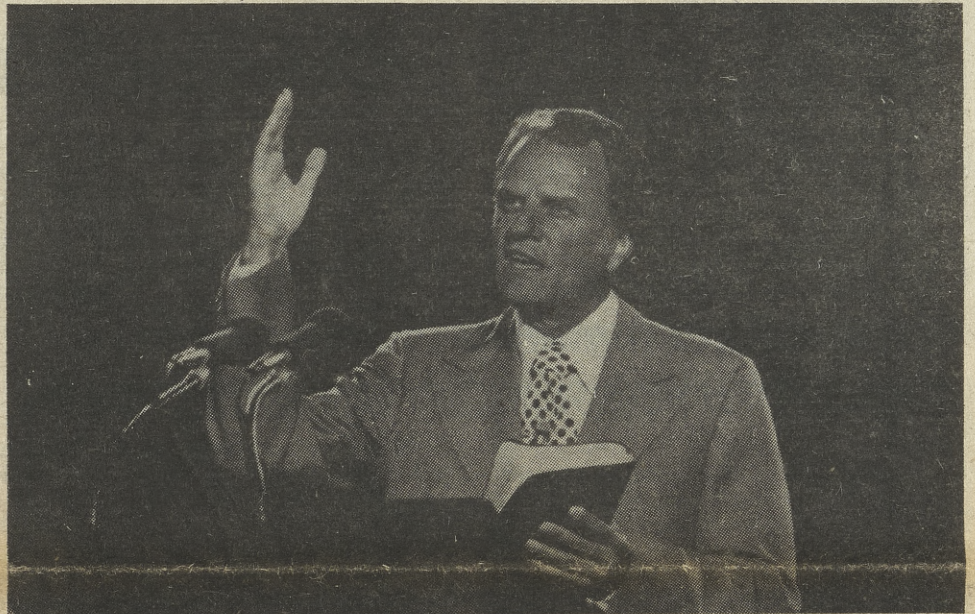
At the end of a half hour Pastor Walth leaned back, looked at me, and said, "We, the crusade office, have received a report that you have gay leanings."

I took a deep breath, looked at him and said, "I don't lean, I'm gay."

For over an hour I had two men asking me questions, quoting scripture, reading me letters of testimony from "former gays," and attempting to convince me of the wrongness of my lifestyle. I was able to share with them what I have learned through my own Bible study about God's grace and to explain to them how I believe the Bible speaks to me.

They were in complete disagreement. Yet, at the same time, I was told, "I know that your faith and belief is very real."

At the end of our talk I was told that, "a report of our conversation," would be forwarded to the crusade office and that I would be informed of their decision. Pastor Walth told me that it was unlikely that I would



The Rev. Billy Graham leads a crusade at Cal Expo September 11 through 18.

be allowed to participate at the crusade. They were afraid that I would try to inflict my beliefs on a new convert and that I might attempt to "recruit someone at the crusade." I walked out and drove home, fighting tears and yet glad that I had been able to share what I believe.

During the week that followed, I learned that I had been "reported" by Vicky, a young woman who had several months before come to my spouse and me for advice. She was married to a man, but was involved with another woman, also married. We talked, looked at Scripture and told her to "knock it off and go home."

I had run into Vicky again at the Nurture Group training. She was in the process of a divorce, now living with the other woman and the woman's husband. Vicky and her friend, enraged at my being openly gay, had gone to the crusade office. When I talked with her later about it, trying to understand, she said,

"But, we're not doing anything now, and you are, and you don't deserve to be a counselor." The fact that she's attending a Christian school here in Sacramento in preparation for "full-time missionary work" only adds to my amazement.

In mid August I got another call from Pastor Walth. A committee of four men at the crusade office had decided that I could not be a counselor.

Out of all this I feel a sense of frustration, but there is also some joy. The evening of the "talk" I called my pastor, learned that he had been contacted by someone from the crusade who had asked him many questions about my personal life. He had told them that it was "none of their business."

I listened to him and said, "Pastor, I need to tell you, I'm gay."

His response was, "I know that, but it's none of my business."

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## Never Underestimate The Power Of A Woman: NOW Effort Raises \$10,000

By SANDY WILDE

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Organization for Women held a walk-bike-skate-a-thon on Sunday August 28, as their major ERA fundraiser for 1983.

More than 120 registrants covered a five to twelve-mile course through center city, Curtis Park, Land Park and Oak Park, returning to the Capitol Mall for a rally and awards ceremony. Participants, ranging in ages from 3 to 67 years old, plan to collect \$10,000 in pledge money for their efforts.

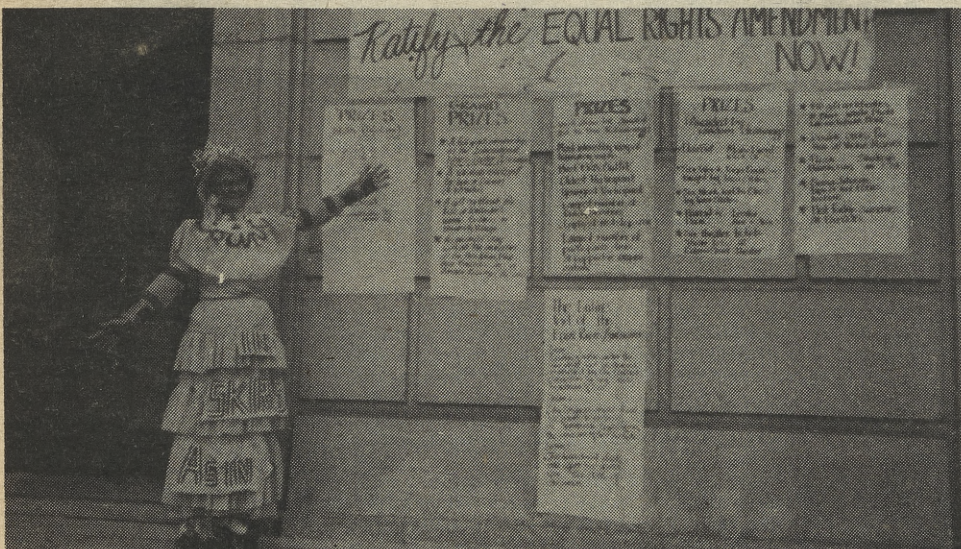
The Equal Rights Amendment was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 3, 1983 and has gained 240 sponsors to date (290 votes are needed in the House). A similar bill was introduced on January 25, 1983 in the Senate with 57 sponsors (67 are needed for passage). Floor activity is anticipated in October on the bill. From California, all 28 Democratic Congressional Representa-

tives, one Republican Representative, Bobbi Fiedler, and both Senators Cranston and Wilson are co-sponsors.

Shirleen Miles, Sacramento N.O.W. Chapter president, expressed her chapter's commitment to the passage of the amendment. "We are stronger, more organized and a lot smarter this year. We are going to raise a lot of money and work real hard to gain equality for all people through the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment," says Miles.

Contributions to the ERA fund can be sent to NOW, c/o P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento, CA 95807. For more information, call 916-443-3470.

The National Organization for Women meets the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on September 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J Street, Sacramento.★



Star Photo by Sandy Wilde

Veteran ERA champion Olive Baker was in skirts and skates again Aug. 28 for the walk-bike-skate-a-thon sponsored by N.O.W. to benefit the Equal Rights Amendment.



# OPINION

## Is The Star Racist?

Raza del Ambiente, a new Latino/Latina gay/lesbian organization, sent The Star the following letter in response to the column "As I See It" by Rick Ruman in the issue of August 10, entitled "A Valuable Lesson."

"As we saw it: A Racist Article. The article promotes the distrust of Third World Peoples in general. It depicted a thieving Native American and a Promiscuous Latino. It was not even a case of insensitivity, but outright racism. The article leaves nothing to insinuation. At this point in time when unity is so important, such irresponsible journalism is inexcusable. We demand an apology to the community."

"Furthermore, we are sick and tired of publications that foster an image of gay sensibility as insatiable; i.e., gay men who are preoccupied with quantity as opposed to quality relationships. You fail in your responsibility as a community newspaper."

"Raza del Ambiente, [signed] A. Xavier Magallon, Adrian Murillo, Celia Rodriguez, Yolanda Alvarez, Manuel Sanchez, Sheila Medina."

The editors of The Star and the author of the column were taken aback by this letter, for we had a far different intention in writing and printing the story. According to Rick Ruman, the author, it was intended to satirize the insensitivity

and lack of perception of the subject, a man who understood nothing about quality relationships.

But obviously, it had not come across that way to at least six of our readers. And if six readers take the time to respond in a letter, it is a good bet that many more also were offended.

The Star takes seriously its position as a community newspaper, a progressive, socially and politically aware newspaper. We are committed to fighting sexism and racism. Thus, we took very seriously a letter which accused us of perpetuating racist stereotypes.

To open lines of communication and get a better understanding of the situation, Star editor James Graham and columnist Rick Ruman met with Raza del Ambiente on Monday, August 29. All but one of the signers of the letter, plus several new members of the group, were present.

It was a cordial and productive meeting. Personally and on behalf of The Star, Graham and Ruman apologized for the evident racism in the story.

Ruman explained his satirical intent. He stated that the column was based on a real incident that had struck him as a way, in a sense, of teaching a moral lesson, which is the aim of satire. He said that the names and ethnic backgrounds

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## Reader Recommends Frontier Airlines Boycott To Support Gay Benefits Lawsuit

Editor:

We hope you've heard of Allen Chamberlin's lawsuit against his employer, Frontier Airlines, Inc. Essentially, he alleges Frontier invaded the private nature of his relationship to his male partner of nine and a half years, refused to grant him equal benefits for his partner because theirs is not a heterosexual marriage (though they have a marriage certificate registered in Colorado), and then harassed him on the job for standing up for Lesbian/Gay rights at work.

What is more, though the airline allows an employee's household dependents to travel "free," Frontier has rewritten its policies allegedly to exclude Lesbians/Gays from obtaining that benefit for their dependent partners. Other carriers avoid discrimination by offering "buddie passes" to single and homosexual workers, no questions asked. Frontier refuses to consider this option.

It is important that you know the travel perks Allen seeks include coast-to-coast flights for \$2.50; round trips to Europe for \$14; even round-the-world airfare at 90 percent discount! Frontier has even given \$60 round trip tickets anywhere it flies to relatives of employees.

## Brown, Bright, Bannon, & Beebo Again: Reviewer Replies To Reader's Response

Editor:

Joyce Bright's letter of Aug. 24 raises a couple of issues with regard to my review of Ann Bannon's books (Star, July 27, 1983) to which I would like to respond.

First, my comments were a review of books; in no way should they be construed to be a critique of the times, the people who lived in them, or the author who wrote about them. I would not presume to review anyone's life, and certainly not that of closeted lesbians whose only contact with the gay community consists of reading novels.

Second, with regard to violence, Bright asks "when is violence healthy?" I believe that at times violence may be a relatively healthy expression of frustration and an outlet for rage. For instance, the violence that occurred at the Stonewall in 1969 signalled the end of knuckling under and the beginning of the gay liberation movement. Yet, there is a difference between punching somebody in the nose after a couple of drinks, or defending oneself against attack on the one hand, and

"Relatives" included distant cousins, in-laws, and their spouses. But, again, significant others and life partners of Lesbians/Gays were excluded, as were the intimate associates and close friends of single people without living family. "Cousins-in-law" Allen has never met benefited from his work while his lover received nothing. Doesn't it make sense he's suing?

We want you to write Frontier Airlines telling them you are boycotting their flights (also boycott Frontier Commuter and Frontier Horizon airlines) until single/Gay/Lesbian employees receive the same benefits as married heterosexuals. This is an equal pay issue besides being a civil rights case. Ordinarily a company charged with discrimination will stall and/or outspend the plaintiff. But recent consumer actions have shown corporations such measures are unprofitable. The homosexual community didn't let Coors Beer use those tactics; why let Frontier?

It doesn't matter that you're unlikely to fly Frontier in the near future (or ever). But it does make a difference if Frontier perceives it's losing passengers over this issue.

Please write today.

LISA BAKER-BARRIOS  
Co-chair, Campaign for Equal Benefits

cold-bloodedly eviscerating a pet dog on the other, although all are acts of violence.

However, Bannon's portrayal of the "unhealthy" violence may well be yet another reflection of those repressive times, when emotions were routinely suppressed until they could no longer be contained, and then erupted unexpectedly and chaotically. Comments in my review prefaced by the phrase "In Bannon's world" must be interpreted in the context established in the article: that Bannon's world reflects the times. Bright's letter reiterates this same point.

Finally, I did not categorize lesbian romances as "innocuous," nor would I. These particular books are not show-stoppers in 1983, but this in no way denies their original value to the readers who benefitted from identifying with the characters, nor does it negate their contemporary validity as reflections of a time gone by.

CAROL BROWN

## The Star Endorses Tim Howe And Grantland Johnson

In the last two issues of The Star, we endorsed Anne Rudin for mayor and Lynn Robie for the 8th City Council District in the September 27 Sacramento city election. Unable to find a qualified candidate in the 6th District, we endorsed no one.

### 4th District—Tim Howe

The 4th City Council District encompasses most of Lavender Heights and the Old Land Park area of Sacramento, areas of high concentrations of gay men and lesbians. Two candidates have actively sought the gay and lesbian community's endorsement—attorney Tim Howe and businesswoman Melody Harding.

Harding, a Republican, and Howe, a Democrat, share similar views in many areas, including opposition to building a sports stadium in North Natomas and a belief in basic rights for all people.

However, Howe has a better working knowledge of government. As a former aide to Congressional Representative Vic Fazio, Tim Howe would be better suited to making decisions for the city and his district in an era of tight budgets when

cutbacks are commonplace.

### 2nd District—Grantland Johnson

In the North Sacramento-Del Paso Heights 2nd District, incumbent councilor Blaine Fisher is best noted for an incident in which he pointed a gun at some black youths playing near his house. This is inexcusable behavior, especially for an elected official.

Fisher's frontrunning opponent, Regional Transit board member Grantland Johnson, has drawn a lot of press recently because of his efforts to raise funds among bus manufacturers.

We agree that this is not the best practice for a politician to get into, but politicians profess not to be swayed by contributions. We believe that Johnson is honest and would abstain in an instance of conflict of interest.

Although he has encountered certain difficulties in his campaign because he is black, Johnson has wide support, including that of local environmentalists and the River City Democratic Club.★

## Model Defends Fashion Show; Says She Was Not Used, Abused, Or Paraded

Editor:

It is a definite understatement to use the words "over-reaction" and "exaggeration" in reference to the letter from Lynda Baker in the August 10 edition of The Star, in which she expressed her reaction to the Women's Fashion Show sponsored by a local women's bar and given by the CSUS Women's Resource Center.

I was one of the models at this fashion show on July 29.

If you've ever worked on a professional fashion show, you would know that it is nothing unusual to have the model's statistics given as a common courtesy not only to the models but to the audience as well.

As a matter of fact, I find Baker's comments quite contradictory. In one paragraph she states that the show was a cross between a fashion show and a beauty contest, with heights and weights given, along with what we like to do in our spare time. But in another paragraph, she states that it was not announced what the models do for a living, or

anything about who they were, making them anonymous bodies like those on the pages of porn magazines.

On the contrary, it was announced during my first entrance what my occupation and career are, what my hobbies are, and so on. This was true of every model participating.

For the announcer to use humor and comments in good taste about the models on a personal basis did not in any way cause feelings of exploitation. As far as the reaction of the audience is concerned, it is nothing unusual for onlookers to make comments of approval. It's only natural when fine clothing in good taste is being modeled.

Needless to say, I did not feel abused, used, anonymous, or paraded.

I felt that I was extended a common professional courtesy by the show coordinator, my peer models, and the audience. The fashion show was performed in excellent taste; therefore, I look forward to another fashion show if I am fortunate enough to be asked again.

BETTEY ROBERTS

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Feminist humorist Mary Kay Blakely speaks on "Temper Tantrums and Other Strategies for the '80s" at the first in the Focus 6 Feminist Lecture Series, Saturday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Redwood Room of the University Union at CSUS.

## Focus 6 Lectures Kick Off Sept. 10

FOCUS 6, the sixth annual Saturday morning feminist lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women, will begin on Saturday, September 12. Mary Kay Blakely, humorist, contributor to *Ms.* magazine, and co-editor of *Pulling Our Own Strings, A Collection of Feminist Humor*, will speak on "Temper Tantrums and Other Strategies for the '80s."

All FOCUS 6 lectures will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Redwood Room in the University Union at California State University, Sacramento.

Tickets for the complete series are available for \$28 from Sacramento National Organization for Women, P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento, CA 95807. Tickets for individual lectures can be purchased by mail or at the door on a first-come, first-served basis for \$8. For more information, please call 443-3470.

## Organizers Sought For '86 Gay Games

SAGA II (Sacramento Athletic Games Association) is looking for coordinators for the following sporting events, leading to the August 1986 Gay Olympic Games in San Francisco:

Basketball, Bowling, Boxing, Cycling, Diving, Marathon, Physique, Pool, Power Lifting, Golf, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, Equestrian, Gymnastics, Racquetball, Roller Skating, Sailing, and Table Tennis.

Interested individuals who have organizational and leadership abilities, along with a commitment for at least three years should contact Norm at 443-6440, Linda 457-5509 or Chris at 391-4386.

There will be an open meeting at the Incredible Edible on Sept. 29, 1983 at 7 p.m. for those interested in working on the Games.

## Meeting On Racism Charge Produces Results

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of the people in the story were unimportant; they could just as well have been Anglos, but happened to be Latino and Native American.

Graham pointed out that the offending story was in a bylined column, not a news story or an editorial expressing the position of the paper.

Members of Raza del Ambiente, however, pointed out that readers do not always consider the distinctions between the types of content in a newspaper, but usually consider that anything appearing in the paper reflects the opinions and feelings of those who produce the paper.

Furthermore, they said, people who have not experienced racism, who have not lived all their lives with it, are not likely to recognize it, especially in its subtler forms, until it is pointed out to them, no matter how sensitive and perceptive they are as writers or editors.

"You need to realize that racism is not just a matter of blacks and whites," they explained, "and that it has not been solved by desegregation marches, and rallies, and legislation.

"We are dealing with racism every day. We're facing it. And it hurts even more when you find it in a newspaper that you like and that you thought you could trust."

Dealing with the second main point of the letter—that the column fostered the image of gay men as more concerned with quantity than quality in relationships—it turned out that the complaint was directed more at gay media in general than at The Star in specific. This story happened, however, to be the proverbial "last straw."

The group felt that the lesbian and gay media have an obligation to promote positive images of gay and lesbian lifestyles by showing a variety of people's lives rather than dwelling on "life in the fast lane" and the negativity of failed relationships, insensitivity, and selfishness.

Referring to both the main points of the letter, Xavier Magallan, one of the organizers of Raza del Ambiente, said, "The gay press has a lot of power in the

community. We're asking you to use that power responsibly."

The Star pledges to Raza del Ambiente and to all our readers that we will use the power of the press responsibly. We feel that we have new awareness and sensitivity to the issue of racism. We will work not only to maintain that awareness, but to increase it. We not only do not intend to promote racism, but also to work against it.

The Star recognizes and accepts its obligation to promote positive images and role models for the gay and lesbian community. We are aware that "journalistic objectivity" is a myth, an ideal that is impossible to attain. It is not only the words used in stories and the approaches taken to stories, but the actual stories chosen for publication that demonstrate the subjectivity of the publishers, editors, and writers.

At the same time, we strive to present the news factually and to represent all segments of the lesbian and gay community in our pages, without bias or prejudice. A community newspaper must serve its community while retaining and developing an identifiable and reliable voice. You may not always agree with us, but you will always be able to trust us.

We are grateful to the members of Raza del Ambiente for calling this offensive situation to our attention, and for welcoming us to their meeting to talk about it, to listen to us, and to give us the opportunity to listen to them.

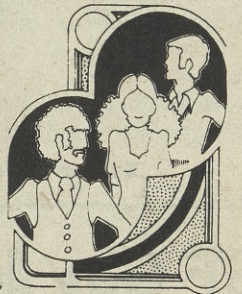
As publishers of The Star, we sometimes think we are operating in a vacu-

um, we so seldom get responses or letters from readers. This incident is an example of the productive results that a letter to the editor can have. If you have a comment, a complaint, or a compliment, write to The Star and tell us what you think. If we can do something about it, we will. \*

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## Whoopi Is 'Unsanitized' And 'Butch Comes Out'

"Unsanitized" with Whoopi Goldberg and "Out Comes Butch" with David Schein will be presented at The Rose, 20th and L Streets, September 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m.



Whoopi Goldberg

Fusing the techniques of drama, improvisation, stand-up comedy, and political satire, "Unsanitized" is a tour de force presentation of Goldberg's continually expanding repertoire of characters. Combined in this hour-long, one-woman show are several vivid personalities, spanning the United States and Europe, each offering its own special blend of humor and pathos.

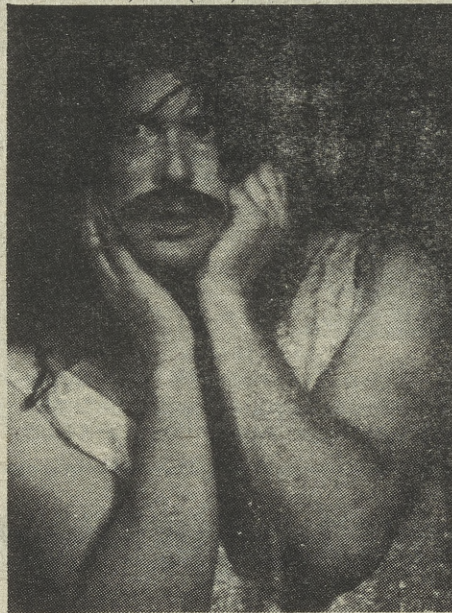
"Out Comes Butch," written and performed by David Schein, is a hilarious, contemporary look at one man's search for love through various sexual identities: gay and straight, male and female. Refined in several tours of Europe and the United States, "Out Comes Butch" confronts the full range of modern sexual mores, and provides a wonderful showcase for Schein's versatile talents.

Drawing capacity crowds and excellent reviews, Whoopi Goldberg made her Sacramento debut last April in "The Spook Show." Goldberg honed her craft under the training of Uta Hagen and Lee Strasberg. On Broadway, she has appeared in such shows as "Hair," "Pippin," "All God's Children," and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

David Schein is a founding member of the Blake Street Hawkeyes and the Iowa Theatre Lab. Schein has made numerous appearances in both the United States and Europe, performing with such groups as Ratz of the

Air and the Der Die Das Improvisational Company of West Germany.

All tickets for this double bill of comedy and drama are \$5 and may be purchased at The Rose, 20th and L Streets. For additional information, call (916) 447-1029. ★



David Schein

## MCC Announces Plans To Sell Church, Relocate

By PAT WARRINER

In what is seen as a positive and visionary step by the Pastor, her staff, the congregation, and the Board of Directors, a decision has been made to sell the property of River City Metropolitan Community Church at 34th Street and Broadway. The congregation will relocate elsewhere in the Sacramento community.

Following the August 14 Board of Directors meeting, Rev. Freda Smith officially announced plans to explore relocation options at a Saturday, September 3, all-day congregational rap session.

Rev. Smith emphasized the vote to sell and relocate came after much discussion, at which time the Board, as a single unit, made the motion. Members of the congregation attending the Board meeting seconded the motion "in one accord." The motion carried by consensus.

Rev. Smith spoke of how well their present building has served the needs of the congregation and community during the past 9 years.

"We've outgrown this building," she commented, "and we're stepping out on faith now, moving forward, claiming our call, and strengthening our ministry to Sacramento, our community, and one another." ★

## SF Gay Men's Chorus Faces Huge Debt, Seeks New Funds

Golden Gate Performing Arts (GGPA), through its San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus (SFLGC) and San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC), has launched a coordinated fundraising campaign to ensure its financial future. The multi-faceted campaign includes many activities, at the center of which are projects directly involving chorus members.

GGPA is struggling under a long-term debt of approximately \$169,000, which was incurred to finance the historic, highly successful 1981 nine-city tour by the SFGMC, which provided the impetus for the formation of many of the 39 now flourishing gay and lesbian choruses in the U.S. and Canada.

During the two years since the tour, GGPA and the choruses have met their financial obligations each month, using member dues, contributions and concert proceeds to keep afloat. However, poor ticket sales for the Fifth Anniversary Gay Musical Celebration during Gay/Lesbian Pride Week this year left the groups with an additional \$22,000 in short-term obligations, due and payable by the end of September, with some due earlier.

In addition, all salaries have been eliminated, and the GGPA offices and SFGMC rehearsals have been moved to less expensive quarters in the Pride Center. All budgets have been evaluated and cut to a bare minimum.

Another phase of the campaign is a direct mail appeal to former SFGMC members

(asking them to pay a share of their tour expenses), the international Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, GGPA's mailing list, and business people. This phase also includes an effort by the choruses to learn from the local community what it wants to see and hear from them.

GGPA is also offering a package admission to all concerts and the SFGMC fifth anniversary party at the Veterans Building Green Room October 28. Concerts are scheduled for early November and during the Holiday season.

GGPA is also seeking corporate and foundation support by soliciting event sponsorships and foundation grants. Applications are pending with the S.F. Hotel Tax Fund, California Arts Council, Vanguard Public Foundation, Chicago Resource Center, and several businesses.

To retire the tour debt, a special dedicated trust fund is being established. Tax-deductible contributions to this trust will be applied only to the elimination of the tour debt.

Payment of the \$22,000 short-term debt is the most pressing need of GGPA and the choruses. If this money is not raised, the life of the organization is threatened. Contributions of any amount and mail orders for the "SFGMC Tours America '81" LP recording (\$10 includes tax, postage and handling) may be sent to GGPA at P.O. Box 14665, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call (415) 864-0326 for additional information. ★

## Sen. Roberti's AIDS Education Bill Clears Last Assembly Committee

Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti's bill to combat AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) through research and education cleared its next to last hurdle in the Legislature on Wednesday, August 24.

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee sent the measure to the Assembly floor by a 19-1 vote. The bill, SB 910, establishes an AIDS Research and Workshop Grants section in the Department of Health Services. In the state budget approved earlier, \$500,000 was added to finance provisions of the bill, with the strong backing of Sen. Milton Marks, R-San Francisco.

Under SB 910, an eight-member AIDS Advisory Committee would advise and assist the state in addressing the long term implications of this public health problem through:

high risk groups.

•Public education to reduce panic and lessen unnecessary anxiety about AIDS on the part of California residents.

•Interdisciplinary or educational workshops to facilitate interchange of knowledge among investigators regarding AIDS and related disorders.

Senator Roberti's office has worked closely with the Department of Health Services in drafting a "Request For Proposal" (RFP) package which was mailed to a number of potential applicants in late August. Proposals for educational and preventive efforts in response to the RFP may be filed with the department through September 19, and grants will be awarded by October 1. To receive a copy of the RFP, contact Stan Hadden at (916) 445-8390. ★

## AIDS Foundation Offers Two New Support Groups In Sept.

The Sacramento AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation has formed two support groups for persons who are concerned about AIDS.

The first, for persons who are well but worried about AIDS, is the "Worried Well" support group. It is facilitated by Tom Richardson, a social worker, and Jackson Peyton, counselor coordinator for the Foundation. The group meets every other Wednesday, beginning September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation, 2115 J Street, Suite 3. No registration to participate in this group is necessary; however, a phone call in advance would be appreciated.

According to Peyton, the Worried Well group will serve as a forum for exchange of ideas and feelings as well as providing information on risk reduction techniques for avoiding this disease.

The second support group is limited to

those persons who have the lymph node syndrome or cytomegalovirus (CMV). Persons participating in this group must have been diagnosed by a physician as having CMV infection or lymphadenopathy and must register with the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation.

The group will meet on six consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Topics for discussion will include emotional and interpersonal issues as well as medical information. Facilitators for this group are Kristine Belnap, M.S.W. and Jackson Peyton.

"Lymphadenopathy is a commonly occurring illness in the Sacramento area," Peyton said. "Persistent swollen lymph nodes, fatigue and malaise characterize the condition. CMV is also common, often resulting in an illness that can deplete the sufferer physically and emotionally for long periods. Anxiety, fear, depression and the sense of isolation may accompany both of these illnesses. This group will provide a chance to explore and share feelings through small group discussion."

There is no charge for participating in either of these two support groups. Preregistration is required for the Lymph Node/CMV support group. Call the Foundation office at 448-AIDS, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for registration and additional information. ★

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## Take Back The Night: A Joint Effort To Combat Anti-Woman Violence

By JANET PAYNE-BAKER

Women Take Back The Night (W.T.B.T.N.) is an international event supporting the right of women to live in a violence-free environment. Starting last year, the third Friday in September became the annual international W.T.B.T.N. night. This year in Sacramento, W.T.B.T.N. will take place on Friday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. on the west steps of the Capitol.

With continued budget cuts to women's service, and increased feelings of powerlessness over public funds and actions, now is a time when statements must be made in symbolic ways. W.T.B.T.N. has been, and continues to be, a symbolic reclamation of the rights of women to live without violence in the home, and on the streets.

The night begins with a rally that both women and men are invited to attend. Speakers and entertainment will be provided at the rally for those who wish to support women's freedom from the victimization that the threat of violence imposes.

Then, women will make the short march through the streets of downtown Sacramento, chanting and joining their forces and peacefully announcing their unity and right to live without violence. During this time, supportive men will be contributing their efforts in rap groups focused on the male role in stopping violence against women.

As the politics of today advocate increasing warfare, we become desensitized to other forms of violence (non-nuclear war; spouse abuse; rape; etc.). As the fight for human rights, equality, and peace becomes more difficult, the burnout rate for their advocates rises. By attending events like W.T.B.T.N. we can become revitalized.

Every year W.T.B.T.N. is confronted with angry questions about why men are asked not to march. It is the belief of W.T.B.T.N. that men must take responsibility for their actions and re-education as a group, just as women take responsibility for educating and raising the consciousness of other women. Men who choose to be supportive of women's issues and W.T.B.T.N. must understand that their energies are best utilized (and their role is) in working with other men.

Men who feel that they have worked through these forms of sexism, or feel that they are not troubled with them, cannot allow themselves to withdraw from their role in helping other men. This withdrawn type of attitude is overly individualistic and parasitic on the women's movement.

Unity will help resolve our social problems, but remember unity is a complex and systematic whole. In all efforts, tasks are divided: division of labor is always necessary. We cannot all do everything; we must work in the areas where we are best suited.

For the past four years men have contributed to Sacramento's W.T.B.T.N. Men have always taken the non-traditional role of childcare during the rally and march. This has been greatly appreciated by all who have needed their services and by those who have felt spiritually/politically supported by their services.

In addition, men have led the rap groups held during the march, which have educated and raised the consciousness of other Sacramento area men. The support from men is not only appreciated but necessary.

Specifically, the Sacramento Men's Collective has contributed effort, time, energy, and emotional/political support, which has been essential to the completion of W.T.B.T.N. rallies and marches.

Thanks, and keep up the good work, supportive Sacramento area men.

Please join us, women, children, and men alike, in supporting non-violence against women. Hope to see you all at the rally.★

## Graham Crusade Rejects Lesbian

From Page 1

It's frustrating to know that I've been denied an opportunity to share my faith, more frustrating to know that I often bypass opportunities that I have to share. It's painful to realize that some will go out of their way to be cruel, that some refuse to listen to reason, that some twist scripture or just plain lie.

But it's a joy to know that some do listen and care. Mostly, it's a joy to know God's love and to experience Christ's salvation.★

*In some cities (San Francisco is one of many) a group known as Lutherans Concerned has been formed. They have monthly meetings, discussions, potlucks, etc. Occasionally there is a weekend retreat. There are no church services; members attend their own parish church. I'd appreciate hearing from anyone interested in forming such a group here in Sacramento. Please call Joan, evenings, 441-6532.*

## AS I SEE IT That's For Sure!

By RICK RUMAN

"Sometimes," Dan told me, "I feel like I want to settle down. But I'll tell you, 'I've almost given up hope of meeting someone else who feels the same way.'"

"Oh, but they must be out there," I said, ticking off the names of mutual acquaintances who are in long-term relationships.

"Well, it's different for them."

"How?" I asked.

"Well, I don't know exactly. I just never seem to meet anyone who's right for me."

"What about Brian? You two seemed to get along great. I thought he was a terrific guy."

"He smoked."

"Yes, but he was intelligent, charming, and articulate—not to mention goodlooking."

"Yes, but I could never get involved with anyone who *smoked* for chrissakes. Just imagine the whole house stinking of cigarettes all the time. UGH! Dan interlocked his fingers and pushed them out in front of him to crack his knuckles. "Besides, there were other things."

"Like what?"

"He always left the cap off the toothpaste."

"Oh. Well, what about Jack?"

"Him? Oh Christ, you must be kidding. He was too butch. He had all the sensitivity of a whoopee cushion. He used to bug me all the time about my cracking my knuckles."

"But he seemed to like you a lot."

"Oh, he did. But I'm not going to put up with nagging 24 hours a day. No thanks."

"How about this guy you just met. Keith, isn't it? He seems like a nice guy. How are you getting along with him?"

Dan slid down in the chair, stretched his legs out in front of him, interlocked his fingers, raised his arms over his head, then pushed his hands out in front of him to crack his knuckles. He let his arms fall back onto the arms of the chair before he answered.

"He's such a wimp. I can't say *anything* to him. He takes everything personally."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, we go to the movies right? Evertime we go to the goddamn movies he's gotta go to the bathroom. As soon as we find the seats for chrissakes, he's gotta go to the bathroom. It drives me crazy. I have to take my feet down off the seat in front of me so he can get out, then, just when I get comfortable again, he comes back."

"After about the third time we went out to the movies, I made a little remark about it."

"Like what?"

"Well, we were late, and there was a crowd. The movie was going to start. So when we were shuffling up to our seats I said, 'You think you can put a cork in it this time?'"

"He blew up. Says, 'You think I like sitting through every movie listening to you crack your knuckles? You think I enjoy that? Well, I don't. I just put up with it.'"

"He was making all kinds of racket, and people were piling up behind us, so I said, 'OK, OK. I'm sorry.'"

"But we get to the goddamn seats and two minutes later he's gotta go to the goddamn bathroom. Then, when he came back, I couldn't enjoy the movie because I was afraid I might *offend* him by making the seat squeak or something."

"No," Dan said, leaning forward in the chair and cracking his knuckles, "I don't think it's going to work out."

"Well," I said, "it's hard for some people to admit they're not perfect. All they can see is the flaws in others."

"That's for sure," Dan said.★

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## Symposium October 1

## Faith, War &amp; Peace In The Nuclear Age

A major symposium, "Faith, War, and Peace in the Nuclear Age," will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center on Saturday, October 1, 1983, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A first for the Sacramento area, the event is being sponsored by Sacramento Religious Community for Peace with a broad range of support from religious and peace groups throughout Northern California.

Participants will explore the facts and issues of war and peace in the nuclear age, and ways of responding to them, including response on a religious basis. A simultaneous Children's Peace Education Program will be offered, and California State University at Sacramento is offering an extension credit course based on the symposium.

Rear Admiral Gene R. LaRocque, USN (ret.) will be the keynote speaker at the symposium. Adm. LaRocque is Director of the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C. The Center supports a

strong defense but opposes excessive expenditures or forces. Adm. LaRocque will speak on the US-USSR balance of power, arms control measures, and Euromissiles.

The initial idea for the symposium was generated by the lively national and local response to the Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Letter on War and Peace in the winter of 1983. The event is also timed to coincide with a month of national and international activity around the deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, scheduled for December 1983.

Other scheduled speakers include:

- Ben Schennink, Political Scientist at the Peace Research Centre, University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and member of the International Task Force of the Dutch Interchurch Peace Council, on "The Message from Europe" and the role of the churches there for denuclearization of Holland.

- Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, member of the drafting committee of the Catholic Bishops' Pastoral on War and Peace, President of Bread for the World, and Chair of Pax Christi, in a dialogue on the Pastoral with Molly Fumia, chair of the San Jose Diocesan Peace Commission, co-founder of the Connections community.
- Rabbi Lester Frazin of Temple B'nai Israel in Sacramento and the Rev. Bill Creevey of the national Presbyterian Task Force on Peacemaking, formerly of Westminster Church in Sacramento, on the relationship of religion and politics, and the scriptural basis for peacemaking.

- Central American Speakers from El Rescate Agency in Los Angeles will discuss the refugee situation and the sanctuary movement.

The Children's Peace Education Program, for ages 3-12, will feature drama, crafts, cooperative games, music and play to convey

ways of resolving conflict non-violently, and ways to help share the earth's resources among the human family. Infant care is also available.

Registration for the Symposium is \$12 (low-income \$5) before September 15th, and \$15 after.

Sacramento Religious Community for Peace is a non-profit, interfaith educational organization which arose out of concern about draft registration in 1979. Its members uphold the pursuit of peace as a religious imperative, grounded in the sanctity of life. SRCP works to provide educational programs and resources to individuals and groups within their own congregations, arrange ecumenical and interfaith services; publishes a monthly newsletter with a circulation of 800; brings in national and international speakers on peace issues; and supports other groups in their activities for peace and justice.★

## RELIGION

## The Assault On Gays, Part 2: Is It A Sin To Be Gay?

By TOM RICHARDS

The main difficulty posed today by the fundamentalist movement is that, despite their loud claims to being Bible-believers, they implicitly refuse to accept and believe what the Bible actually has to say. Years of conditioning, false preaching, and acceptance of man-inspired books and commentaries have muddled scriptural understanding in these circles to such an extent that all a popular preacher has to do today is say, "Thus saith the Lord!" and it is believed by most of the sheep.

When Jesus Christ was walking the earth, He spent most of His time with the "sinners" and saved His greatest condemnation for the religious leaders and teachers of the Scriptures. He repeatedly stated that they were worse than anyone else, calling them vipers and blind fools among other things. They not only were hypocrites, but they deliberately misread the Scriptures and taught the masses to do the same.

Two thousand years later, nothing has changed. And it is especially fascinating to note that the religious groups that cling the most tenaciously to the doctrine of Biblical inerrancy are the very ones who distort and twist the Bible mercilessly out of shape to justify their own cultural background and political persuasion.

To these people love is a word much talked about, but little practiced; the main gospel injunctive to them is judgement. Anyone different from them—usually conservative, white, and middle class—is suspect in some way of being un-Christian. Lip service is given to racial equality (and all equality in general for that matter) but anyone who has spent any time at all in the fundamentalist community knows that this is rarely practiced by the rank and file. Prejudice and judgement are rampant toward anyone and everyone not fitting precisely into their particular lifestyle and having their exact viewpoint.

The situation today is much the same as it was in Jesus' time. The religious leaders—spewing forth hatred in the name of God—are leading millions of people astray. These unwitting people simply believe that what they hear in church is right.

And, unfortunately, it is very true that you can make the Bible say what you want it to say. This basic ignorance on the part of the flock allows the preacher or religious leader to preach whatever he wants in the name of the Lord—even hatred and bigotry. And because the leader is the "shepherd," many consider him to be God's spokesman on earth. After all, the pastor certainly must be teaching correct doctrine. If not, who can you believe?

Answer: It might help to do more listening to the Lord Himself and less to human beings. It might help to throw away all preconceived ideas and concepts and read the Bible for yourself in context and in its cultural significance.

One of the most heralded issues to these types of religious people is their bias against homosexuals. Frequently quoting the scant mention of the subject in the Scriptures, they equate homosexuality with murder, incest, bestiality, idol worship, orgies, witchcraft and anything else they can throw in that is despicable and wicked. To them it is the basest of all conditions. And while it is easy to prove conclusively from the Bible that they are wrong, it makes you wonder why there is such great antagonism and vivid horror toward anyone who is gay.

The religious fundamentalist's refusal to read and accept the Bible, while all the time laying claim to being the only group who does so, smacks of Phariseism of the worst degree. Were Jesus here today, He would be the first to condemn these leaders who do so

millions of uninformed church-going people accepted it because it was taught from the pulpit and supported by isolated Bible texts taken completely out of context. Today this is being done again. And the subject is homosexuality.

It is almost universally accepted today among Bible scholars, even those in the conservative camp, that there is no Biblical doctrine or bias against homosexuality. The Old Testament verses, frequently quoted by the religious leaders, would certainly be acceptable and applicable to our lives today if everything else in the book of Leviticus is regarded as being applicable and binding.

But do these religious leaders teach that men must wear beards of a certain prescribed length? Do they teach it is a horrible sin for women to wear red? Do they rail against the

inclined; acts which represent a voluntary choice to act contrary to their ordinary sexual appetite."

In actuality, Paul writes much more about *heterosexual* sin than he does homosexual sin. He never condemns either if used in the right way but condemns both when used in the wrong way. He writes in this chapter that it is wrong to leave one's natural affection. Now, homosexuals do not leave their natural affection unless they try to become heterosexual. Their natural affection is homosexual.

If we were to use the garbled logic of the fundamentalist on this issue, it would be much easier to make a case against *heterosexuality* from the Bible. However, the Scriptures do not inveigh against either one. They do address the issue of morality in any relationship and its effect on the individual's love and service to God.

Another New Testament reference is found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The passage in question states that "Sodomites" will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Note that the original Greek says "sodomite" and not homosexual as many Bible revisers (or should we say rewriters?) have mistranslated it.

Here again what the fundamentalists teach is clearly foreign to the Word of God. To find out what a "Sodomite" is according to the Bible, one simply needs to look up every passage to Sodom, Gomorrah and their derivatives. Anyone who truly takes the time to do this is usually quite surprised. *There is not a hint in Scripture that sodomy has anything even remotely to do with homosexuality.*

It is fascinating to note what the prophet Isaiah and the Lord Jesus Christ said on this subject. As Biblical scholars attest (and as can be plainly seen), sodomy is a reference to inhospitality, idol worship and promiscuity of all kinds. Not one word concerning homosexuality is ever mentioned.

It is also interesting to point out that Jesus Himself never spoke a word against homosexual love.

It is tempting to turn the tables on the fundamentalists who refuse to accept the Word of God and say that because of this refusal they will go to Hell when they die and burn forever in the Lake of Fire. After all, that is what they are continually saying and preaching about homosexuals and anyone else who disagrees with their narrow (and usually fallacious) interpretations.

We can't play the game that way though. That would be stooping to a level inconsistent with what the Bible has to say. God is fundamentalists who are doing so much to turn people away from the truth will read the scriptures that they claim to believe in so much, turn away from their preconceived and erroneous philosophies, and begin living a life that is positive and attuned to what God really desires.★

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much to ignite hatred, bigotry, and division. The direct result of these unscriptural teachings leads to distrust and animosity among people, which manifests itself in acts of physical violence, murder and suicide, which are usually justified by the fundamentalists as being "scriptural."

It has been reported that Anita Bryant's campaign against homosexuals resulted in an explosion of muggings, murders, and suicides. It is hard to believe that anyone—especially those who claim to be speaking for God—could feel that the hate-inspired preaching of an Anita Bryant or a Jerry Falwell has anything remotely to do with the teachings of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

One hundred twenty-five years ago, the vast majority of fundamentalists were teaching that the enslavement of black people was the only Biblical stance that could be taken. The black man was simply destined by God to serve the white man because everyone knew that black people were genetically inferior in every respect. In fact, it was the religious fundamentalists who shouted the loudest and finally went to war to preserve the "Christian" way of life—slavery.

Of course, anyone who cares to read the Bible in totality will understand this is not and never has been a Christian concept, but

ingestion of rabbit meat and pork? Do they preach that clothing may not be made of mixed material; that it must be only one fabric? Do they get on the nation's airwaves and warn women that they are defiled because of menstruation and must go through extensive purification ceremonies? Do they warn men that seminal emissions make them unpure? Do they preach that absolutely no work at all may be done on September 25? Just how many religious leaders are teaching these and the dozens of other levitical commands? But they do teach one injunction from the book of Leviticus. Can you guess what it is?

The New Testament reference in Romans 1 is also clear. The Apostle Paul is writing about people (both heterosexual and homosexual in orientation) who are so depraved that they give up any love or knowledge of God to live completely self-centered and pleasure-seeking lives. Paul in this chapter was associating this type of homosexuality (as he did heterosexuality in numerous other New Testament passages) with pagan practices such as idol worship, clearly noting its degrading nature in this context.

John J. McNeill, S.J., writes concerning Romans 1: "Paul apparently refers only to homosexual acts indulged in by those he considered to be otherwise heterosexually



# POLITICS

## Endean Promotes Our Community's Interests

BY KENNETH BURT

From his desk on the second floor of a modest D.C. townhouse, Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) Executive Director Steven Endean promotes the interests of America's large gay and lesbian community.

A leader of St. Paul-Minneapolis gay movement in the early and mid-1970's, Endean took over the Lobby's helm in 1978. Since then it has become a force in the nation's capital.

While in Minnesota, Endean lobbied for what would have been the first statewide gay civil right law. The bill came within two votes of passing. The momentum that should have produced a victory in later years, however, was lost when a local St. Paul ordinance was repealed by referendum in 1977.

The following exclusive interview was conducted in Washington, D.C.

**SACRAMENTO STAR:** In Congress there appears to be a major battle over the amount of new funding for AIDS research. Where do the major bills stand at this point and what are their chances for passage?

put into a position where we are competing with coalition allies by taking funds from very needed projects.

Second, whether it is old money or new money affects the psychology up on the Hill (Congress) as to what is appropriated in FY (Fiscal Year) '84. If in fact the \$12 million is in new money, then we are estimating that in FY '84 they will spend about \$25 million. That gives us a bigger impetus for going for a bigger figure in FY '84. If in fact they can't give us new money, they can't count it the same way. It sounds very bizarre but that is how Congress, and the appropriations process, works.

**STAR:** Turning to the 1984 presidential election, how do you judge the efforts of Walter Mondale, John Glenn, Gary Hart and Alan Cranston to woo gay votes and gay dollars?

**ENDEAN:** Alan Cranston has done a superb job on outreach to the gay and lesbian community. Cranston is out there trying to get gay support in all the early primary states.

*"It sounds very bizarre, but that is how Congress and the appropriations process works."*

**ENDEAN:** H.R. 2713 was just enacted into law. That bill would create a Public Health Emergency Response Fund. The price tag that was attached to it was \$30 million. That would allow for far more expeditious response to public health emergencies such as AIDS, toxic shock, to avoid the "business as usual" approach that National Institutes of Health (NIH) has often taken.

But that was only the first step. H.R. 2713 authorized the money. Now that it has been authorized, we now have to get funds appropriated. There has been action around a supplemental bill that would provide \$12 million for AIDS funding for NIH. At this point it is impossible to tell what the final figure will look like.

**STAR:** What role has the Reagan administration played in the whole funding battle? Is it true that the Reagan people have opposed any new money?

**ENDEAN:** They opposed new money; they said they could give us the \$12 million but that it would be from old money; they could take it from other funds. There are a couple of problems with that. First, we don't want to be

Walter Mondale has not done as much yet. They have moved slower in terms of the gay community. I do believe that they are anxious for support from the gay community and that we will see more aggressive efforts from them. Mondale, of course, did speak at the Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner in New York. I know he is in the process of making his statements on the issue far clearer.

John Glenn has not taken the same kind of steps. Our efforts to convince the Senator to co-sponsor the gay rights bill has been for naught. He apparently is not willing to do so. He has also not been a co-sponsor on any of the AIDS legislation. Glenn's response has been unsatisfactory.

Gary Hart has also not co-sponsored the gay civil rights legislation. Although he spoke at the Metropolitan Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA) dinner and is perceived as a strong liberal, he has not spoken out despite having lots of opportunities to do so. We are disappointed in him. His lack of support is somewhat difficult to understand.

**STAR:** In light of these efforts by Mondale

and Cranston, please comment on the unpublished CBS-New York Times poll that purports to show that a gay endorsement might actually hurt a presidential candidate?

**ENDEAN:** It is one of the best examples of the weaknesses in polling. The number of people who said they would be more inclined to support a gay-endorsed candidate was 1 or 2 percent. I do not buy that. I simply think it is analogous to polling and asking questions about Blacks. Many people will not tell you what they really think. In this case, many gay people are not going to tell the pollster that they would be more favorably inclined. Many people would be so inhibited despite how anonymous the poll may actually be.

The reality is quite the contrary. If you look at city council members, state legislators, and now members of Congress who support gay civil rights, you do not find many cases where their gay support has been used against them and they lost.

My perception is that the people who will vote for or against a candidate based on this issue are gay people, their families and their friends. Not the folks who are reflected in this poll.

We have made securing labor support a high priority here at GRNL. Both AFSCME and SEIU have endorsed gay civil rights at the national level. There are also other unions. The Ladies Garment Union, which is a major national union, has also endorsed such legislation. I think the time will come when the labor movement not only officially endorses, but actively works on this at a national level.

The mainstream religious organizations are also pretty supportive, but they have not been activated yet.

If we are ever going to succeed in passing our legislation, we are going to have to do it by drastically expanding our current base of support. This will also include some outreach to conservatives and Republicans.

**STAR:** Immigration has become increasingly important. How would the proposed Simpson-Mazzoli bill affect current INS policy preventing gays and lesbians from entering the United States.

**ENDEAN:** Simpson-Mazzoli does not speak directly to the provision against gays and lesbians in the country. The grounds for exclusion were not part of Simpson-Mazzoli 1, but are expected to be part of a future Simpson-Mazzoli 2.

Out of the Simpson-Mazzoli fight we hope to protect the community's right of judicial

review, and then come down the road and fight the fight on the actual grounds for exclusion. We are going to have a tough time winning on the grounds of exclusion, but in some ways it will be a better fight than even the civil rights bill. Representative Mazzoli made a commitment to Representative

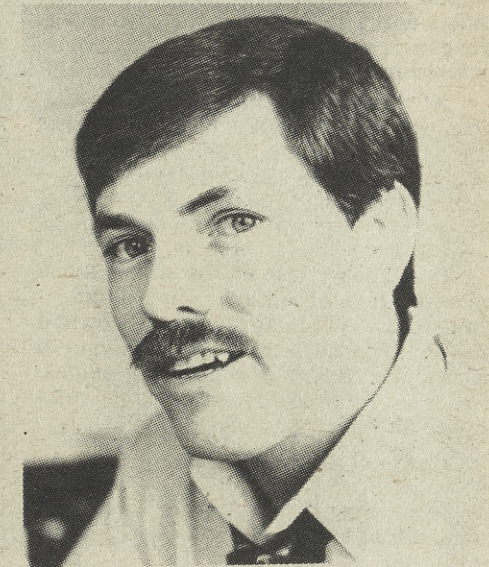


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GRNL Executive Director Steve Endean

Barney Frank during full Judiciary Committee action on the current bill that he would hold hearings on the grounds for exclusion in the future.

**STAR:** One final question. How would you rate the performance of Greater Sacramento's four Congressmen: Robert Matsui, Vic Fazio, Gene Chappie and Norm Shumway?

**ENDEAN:** That is pretty easy. Two great, and two not so great. I think very highly of Matsui and Fazio, and they are, of course, co-sponsors of the gay civil rights bill. Shumway and Chappie have been consistent negative votes. One would hope that constituent pressure could turn the latter two around, but I have some doubts. The only other recourse is to beat them at the polls★

*Kenneth Burt is a native of Sacramento and a graduate student at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. His articles on ethnic politics have appeared in the "California Journal" and been syndicated nationally by the Hispanic Link.*

## Sacramento Old City Association Will Sponsor Community Action Workshop

On Saturday morning, September 24, the Sacramento Old City Association (SOCA) and Sacramento CityScape, Inc. will co-host an Old Community Issues and Action Workshop in the Community Room (#10) of Sierra 2, 2791 24th Street.

In celebration of the 10th Annual Home Tour, SOCA is sponsoring a three-day event this year, beginning with a Symposium at California State University Sacramento on Friday, September 23 and culminating in the Home Tour on Sunday, September 25.

The Saturday Workshop will bring together a broad range of Old City resident, advocacy and interest groups to discuss common concerns and to develop means to improve the livability of the Old City. The morning will begin with Registration at 8:30 and a continental buffet breakfast catered by "At 6!"

Information presentations on Old City issues will begin at 9 with an Economic Forecast by Skip Jahn, Sales Director, Coldwell-Banker. A Central City Plan status report will follow at 9:30 given by a member of the City Planning Commission. A Government Issues and Options Review will be presented at 10 by former Sacramento Major Phillip Isenberg, Assemblyman, 10th District.

Following a brief break at 10:30, workshops will be formed to discuss such issues as low income displacement, resident hotels,

elderly housing, minority issues, neighborhood conservation, compatible large-scale development (commercial/office/hotel), traffic patterns and parking, public transportation, etc.

Seating for the workshop is limited, so participants are urged to register early. The registration fee is \$5 in advance, \$6.50 at the door—this fee includes continental buffet breakfast. For further information, contact Gregg Campbell, 457-8340 or 454-6206; Connie Finster, 452-2355 or 322-8710; or Julianne Richards, 448-4075.

The Old City area corresponds to the City Planning department's Central City designation. It is bounded on the west by the Sacramento River, on the east by Alhambra Boulevard, on the south by Broadway and on the north by the Southern Pacific yards, tracks and levee.

Among those groups invited to the Workshop are American Lung Association, Modern Transit Society, Midtown Business Association, Southside Neighborhood Association, Alkali Flat Neighborhood Association, Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association, Sacramento Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, River City Business Association, River City Democratic Club, Sacramento Concilio, La Semilla Cultural Center, Catholic Social Services, Capitol Area Renters Association, Senior Gleaners, and others★

## 62 Lesbian & Gay Adventists Attend Kinship's Kampmeeting

The fourth annual lesbian/gay Seventh-day Adventist Kinship Kampmeeting was held early in August in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Sixty-two members from 17 states, Canada, and Australia attended the week-long retreat. Various workshops, worship services, business meetings and social activities were held.

Some of the speakers included Barbara Gittings, an activist in the gay movement for the past 25 years, discussing the history of gay liberation; Richard Hamilton, MD, a gay physician from San Francisco, on the AIDS crisis; Daniel Pinello, Esq., a gay attorney from New York City, on gay legal rights; and a variety of services conducted by Seventh-day Adventist counselors and clergy.

Highlighting the week-long meeting were the exchange visits between SDA Kinship members and participants in Quest Learning Center, a program funded by the fundamentalist denomination which endeavors to help those enrolled change their homosexual preference.

Officers elected at the annual meeting were Robert F. Bouchard, New York, NY, president; Richard Russell, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, vice president; Errol Chamness, W. Hollywood, CA, treasurer; Douglas Ota, San Diego, CA, secretary; Vicki Shelton,

Denver, CO, newsletter editor; Ronald Lawson, Sunnyside, NY, SDA Church Liaison; Van Johnson, Whitehall, PA, public relations director; Lin Shepard, IN, women's director; and Jym Stuart, San Francisco, CA, information services director.

The organization, having recently mailed informational packets on homosexuality and Christianity to over 700 clergy in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, voted to send a similar packet to selected faculty at Adventist high schools and colleges.

SDA Kinship chapters are active throughout the United States and in several foreign countries; its newsletter list exceeds 500 subscribers; SDA Kinship's speakers bureau has been invited to a variety of classes at both public and Seventh-day Adventist colleges; and SDA Kinship provides publications and brochures for educational purposes.

In its six-year history, SDA Kinship believes that it "has placed foremost emphasis on serving the gay Adventist community, but it is also a prime mover in removing the stereotypes, misconceptions and fallacies plaguing homosexuals in the church," said president Bouchard.

SDA Kinship may be contacted at P.O. Box 1233, Los Angeles, CA 90028-1233, (213) 876-2076.★



# Raza Del Ambiente Invites New Members

Raza del Ambiente is a new organization for Latino/Latina gay men and lesbians. In response to a letter published in *The Star* (August 10, 1983) six men and women showed up for the group's first meeting on August 22. Eight attended the second meeting a week later, and more than a dozen have indicated an interest in the group, according to Xavier Magallan, one of the organizers.

At the first two meetings, the group discussed the direction the group should take at this time. It is evolving as basically a support group for lesbians and gay men who are "Hispanic, Latino, Chicano, Raza—however we choose to describe ourselves."

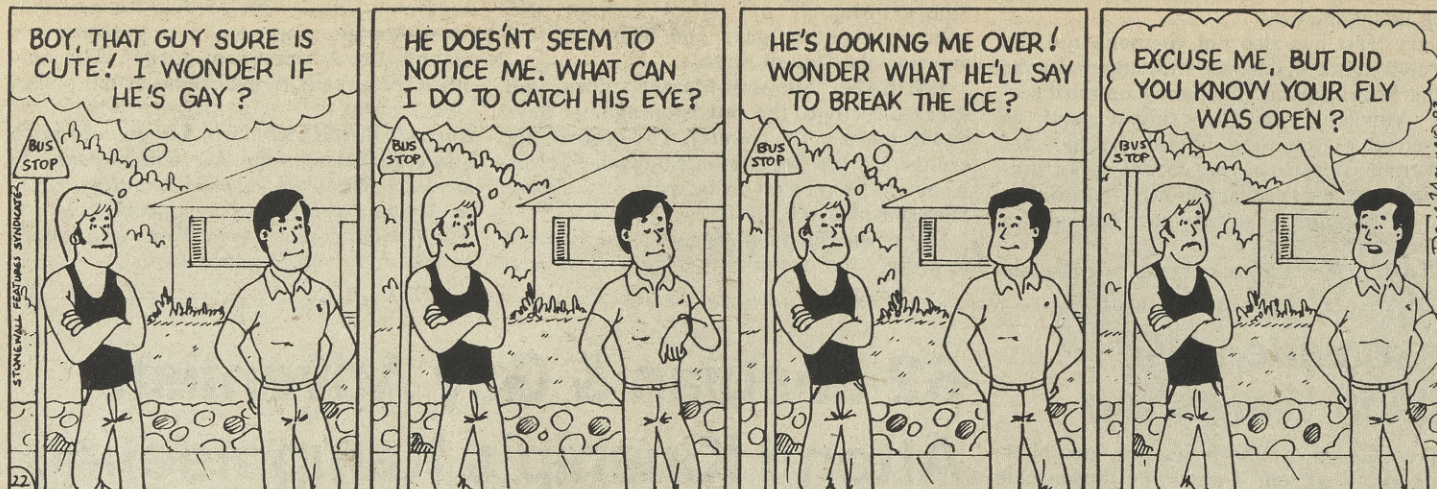
It will be a circle for discussion and a place to find acceptance, according to some of the people at the group's second meeting. Social activities, including a salsa party, are in the planning stages. The group may also sponsor some community outreach and political activities.

Raza del Ambiente has scheduled its next meeting for Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. at 1353 60th Street. According to Magallan, "Our first meetings clearly demonstrated that there is a definite need for Lesbian/Gay Raza to connect with each other, and at the same time the realization of 'Lesbian/Gay Raza Empowerment' was obvious.

"However, we still need more of you out there who are involved in the gay lifestyle. We cannot do this alone. We need your ideas and help. We also encourage gays of color to attend our next meeting. We hope that you will think about this because it is an exciting time to be involved in such an endeavor."

For more information about Raza del Ambiente, interested persons may call Xavier Magallan at 756-1942 in Davis. ★

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## Getting Physical: Choosing A Health Club

We doubt that any segment of the population at large spends so much time on personal appearance as do the gay men and women of America. Almost all of us want to look good. We spend huge amounts of money on clothing, grooming, and cosmetics.

But all of that means little, if anything, if the body getting all the pretty stuff hung on it isn't very nice to begin with. As a result, the last few years have seen a huge growth in the gay population of health clubs, spas, and fitness centers. The "healthy look" is "in," and we want our share of it.

That's a move we support. But at the same time, we've seen many cases of cheating, fraud, and double-dealing in health facilities, something you should be aware of before you get into a like situation.

Let's preface these remarks by saying that health clubs have problems of their own, situations and attitudes that they legitimately try to protect themselves against. It's all too easy for anyone to resolve that he or she wants to do something about the condition of his or her body, and then run off to the neighborhood spa to start. But being pretty ain't easy. A body-improvement program requires a regular regimen of sweaty and often dull exercises. If it's easy to begin, it's even easier to drop out.

Equipping and staffing a reputable fitness center is an expensive proposition. The owners of those places have to make sure that they'll have a regular income to offset their overhead. So, most fitness centers require their customers to sign some form of contract which requires regular payments, even when the bloom is off the exercising rose.

Certainly, that sounds reasonable enough, but it seems to result in most of the complaints that are made against these establishments. Men and women who have gone into such agreements with the best of intentions lose their interest; then they

discover that they still have to cough up their \$20, \$50, even \$100 per month whether they use the facility or not.

The common-sense answer (and certainly the legal one in most cases) is that it's their own fault. They entered into the contract with full knowledge, and even used the facilities for a while. Therefore, they should pay. However, in many cases there is heavy-duty, high-pressure salesmanship used in enticing customers to sign. As usual, your best protection from falling into such a situation is informed shopping.

Let's suppose you've decided to start off on a fitness-improvement program. Depending on your objectives, you may not need a health club to achieve it. You can run, jog, or simply go for long walks without any investment at all and doctors say that all of these are good ways to improve your general condition.

If you're up for more than that—if you want more bulk and definition of your musculature—you still don't need a spa. For the cost of a year's membership, you can buy some gym equipment for home use: a set of weights or some of the numerous brands of exercising equipment such as the Bullworker. Numbers of people have worked out at home with fine results.

But that brings up the subject of the financial contract again. People with little physical discipline may soon find home gym equipment over in the corner gathering dust. Knowing that there's a financial obligation is an additional spur to making use of a health club; as much as some folks hate exercise, the physical act they find hardest is writing a check for wasted money.

There's another factor in joining a club. No matter what the state of your body, you'll undoubtedly find others in the club who are in the same sorry state, so you'll have company as well as a bit of competition while you exercise. That can be an impetus for

continuing in your program.

So, if you're going to attend a fitness center, how can you choose one? First shop around. Most centers have some form of "get-acquainted offer" that allows you a visit or two before you have to sign a contract. Check out as many as you can, and don't make any long-term agreements until you know what each spa has to offer.

Don't forget your YM or YWCA. Often, they offer gyms and pools that are as good or better than more expensive establishments.

Compare the facilities you're offered. Boredom is a real danger for those of us who aren't into exercise. A health club that presents several different ways to achieve fitness may give you enough variety to keep your interest going over a longer period of time.

Make sure you'll have some personal attention. A whole congeries of mysterious equipment standing around a club that doesn't tell you how to use it is a waste. You have your own physical traits to consider, and you'll need an advisor to show you what exercises achieve the results you're seeking.

Check out the hours that you can use the facilities. If the club is closed when you're free, it won't be of much use. If it has some sexually-segregated nights, will they conflict with your schedule? If sexes both use the place at the same time, will you be embarrassed?

Call the Better Business Bureau before you come to a final choice. They'll let you know if the spa you're interested in has a record of complaints from customers. Better yet, call them before you start, and get their booklet on health spas.

Beware of any fitness center that "guarantees" results. No one can "make" you lose weight or become a muscular wonder without *your* complete cooperation. Such guarantees always disappear in the fine print of your contract.

And you will have to sign the contract, sooner or later. Even the "Y" will make you pay for some advance period of time for use of their facilities. The one definite thing for the novice is never to contract for a long period. Though the price advantage will be great in signing for a long-term contract, make sure that you're going to follow through.

Our advice is to take the shortest possible contract to begin with. Begin with a six-week "trial" plan, if there is one, and see what your own reactions are. At its conclusion, ask yourself if you're satisfied with what has happened with your body, and if you're sufficiently interested to continue. If so, go for a year's agreement. Even at this time you shouldn't engage in any long-range obligation; some spas will try to snag you for as much as five years, which can run into megabucks.

Take your contract just as you take your exercise: one step at a time. You won't be doing 200-pound lifts straight off, so why try a 24-month agreement? Meanwhile, take it easy, build it up, and enjoy the showers!

If you have consumer problems or observations that you would like to share with our readers, write to Rip-Offs at Stonewall Features Syndicate, P.O. Box 222976, Carmel, CA, 93922, and enclose a self-addressed envelope for a reply. We'll be glad to hear from you.★

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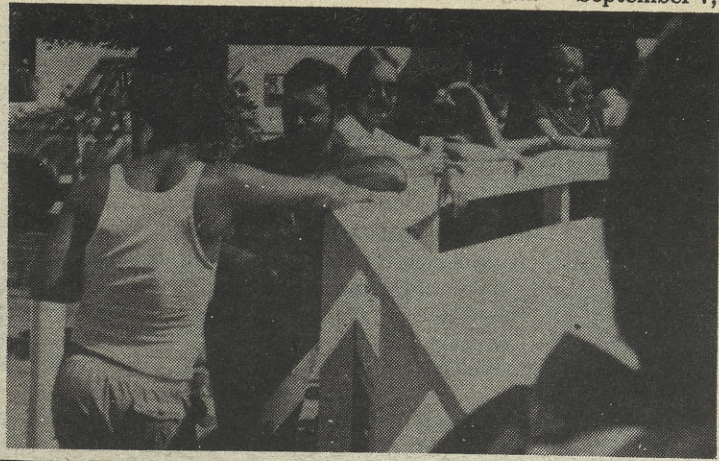
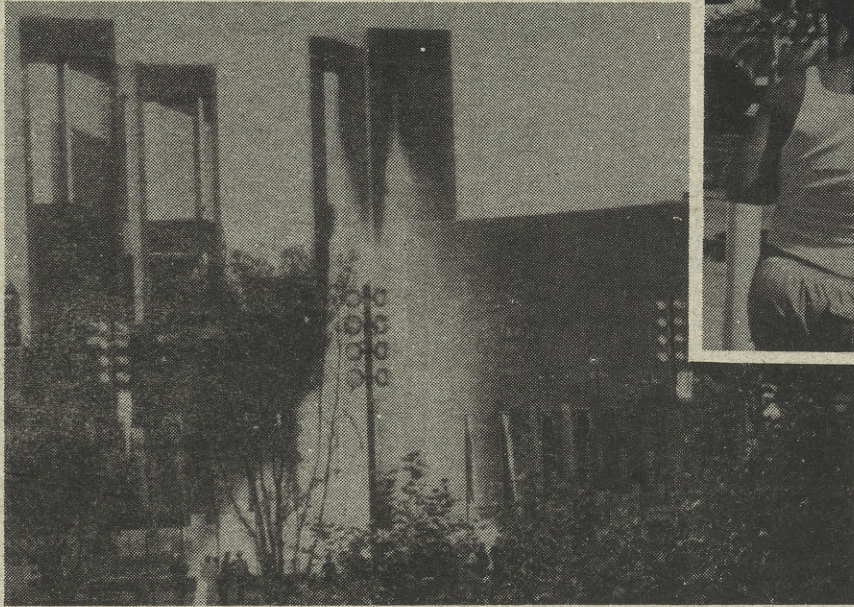
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## 135th Annual California State Fair

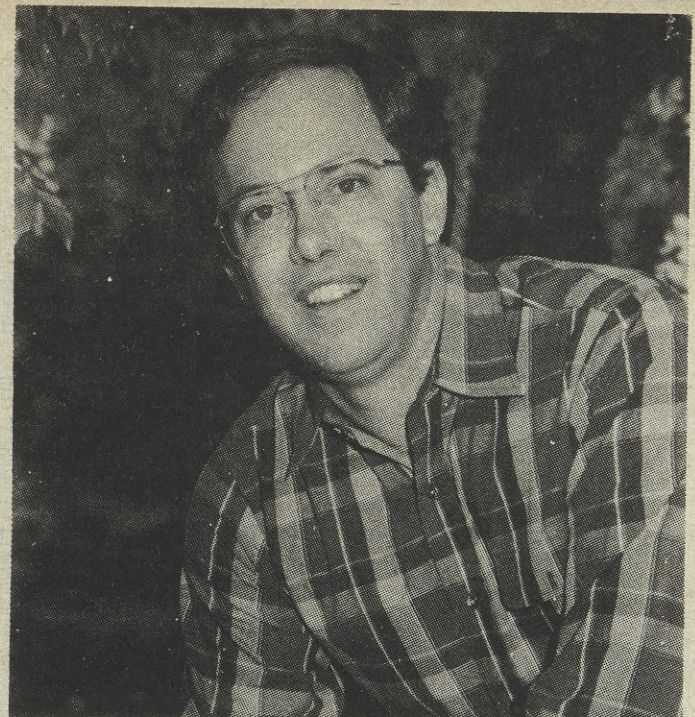
From the fountain surrounded by banners bearing the names of all of California's 58 counties in the center of the California State Fair, there was something in every direction for everyone to see during the 18-day run of the 135th annual event. On muscle day, contestants for Mr. and Ms. Golden Bear competed in the amphitheatre. Market Basket cooking demonstrations by culinary experts from all over the state were a daily feature of the new AgriFair building. And what better place for horsing around than down by the corral where the Cavalcade of Horses was a popular attraction?

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## ITEMS

## A Night In White

By RICK VAN DYKE

Bid farewell to summer in style at the first annual **Night in White** sponsored by **Amber House Bed & Breakfast** and **Vacation Station Travel** on the lawn near the pond in McKinley Park on Saturday, September 10 from 6:30 till 10 p.m. **Colleen Jolly** and **Dale Dewald** will provide harp and flute music, you provide your picnic supper and favorite beverage. And be sure to dress in white—"anything and everything, use your imagination," the invitation says.

**Jim Schultz** of **Common Cause** will speak on campaign financing at the meeting of the Sacramento chapter of the **National Women's Political Caucus**, Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. in the First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J Street. For further information, call **Carolynne Born**, 447-0129, or **Val Anderson**, 456-8866.

**Emil Stepanovich, Jr.**, the official liaison with the lesbian and gay community for **State Attorney General John Van de Kamp**, will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, September 13 at the meeting of **Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees**. They gather at the Incredible Edible at 6 p.m. for dinner and the meeting begins at 6:30. Everyone is invited.

The **Lesbian & Gay People's Union** at CSUS begins their 12th year on Thursday, September 15 with a general meeting in the California Suite of the University Union. According to **LGPU President Paul Martinez**, the meeting begins at 8 p.m. and will include a showing of the film "Pink Triangles." The LGPU's first potluck of the year is Friday, September 16. And the popular "Open Door Rap Group" has its first meeting Monday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in the Miwok Room of the University Union. Call Paul at 446-1171 for more information about LGPU activities.

Sacramento's annual **Women Take Back the Night March** has been scheduled for Friday, September 16. Gather at the 10th Street steps of the State Capitol at 7:30 p.m. The march begins at 8, and concludes with a rally at about 8:45. The theme this year is "Women Walking \* Men Talking," to emphasize the importance of men's participation in the campaign to stop violence against women. Women interested in helping plan the march and rally are invited to join the coalition. Men who support the goals of the event are also urged to get involved. Call **Sheila** at 447-3223 for more information.

**River City Democratic Club**, our only local lesbian and gay political group, is sponsoring a **Champagne Reception** on Sunday, September 18, from 2 till 6 p.m. to raise funds for the candidates the RCDC has endorsed in this month's mayoral-city council election. The tab is \$15 per person (cheap as political fundraisers go!). The place is the home of **Asa Carter Branch**, 5861 14th Street, east of Land Park Drive and 35th Avenue.

The **Sacramento Chapter of the National Organization for Women** is mobilizing to work for **Anne Rudin's** mayoral campaign. Thursday nights are NOW Nights at Rudin headquarters, 800 J Street, and NOW members will be walking precincts for Rudin on Sunday, September 11, from 10 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. You can help the Rudin campaign, too; call 444-9900 to volunteer.

Kids of all ages won't want to miss the **Pickle Family Circus** at **Sierra II Community Center** on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. Shows are noon and 3 p.m. daily. Call 452-3005 for ticket information.

The **Children's Theatre** production "The Princess and the Pea" opens Saturday, September 10, at the **Chautauqua Playhouse**, 25th and R Streets. This adaptation of the classic fairy tale, directed by **Arden Baumann**, is scheduled for performances on Saturday afternoons at 2 through October 29. Tickets are only \$2. For reservations, call 451-9604.

Speaking of the **Chautauqua Playhouse**, it's one of the newest distribution points for **The Sacramento Star**, along with **Luna's Cafe and Juice Bar** at 1414 16th Street between N and O Streets. **Luna's** is a great place to get a sandwich, a cup of coffee or a bottle of juice, and maybe a pastry, for lunch or just to spend a lazy afternoon.

It's distressing to read that the **Stanislaus Gay Alliance** is struggling for its existence. Their August newsletter says that "The cold hard fact is, that if the organization is not reinforced with more volunteers, it will not be in existence next year." The sad fact is also that organizations wax and wane with the energy of people who get involved with them. We've certainly seen that here in Sacramento.

**Women Changing Direction**, a project of the **Sacramento Women's Center**, conducts a support group for women facing major life changes every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the **First Sacramento Women's Building**, 2224 J St. Child care is available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050.

**Meg Christian** with **Diane Lindsay** will give a concert at Sacramento's **Luther Burbank High School** auditorium on Saturday, October 8, as part of the **13th Far West Regional Conference on Women and the Law**. Tickets will be \$8 at **Lioness Books** and other as yet unnamed locations. Co-sponsors are the **McGeorge Women's Caucus** and **McGeorge Lambda Law Students Association**.

The **Foothill Theatre Company** of Nevada City will present **Tom Stoppard's "Travesties"** in the **American Victorian Museum** September 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, and 30, and October 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8. All performances are at 8:15 p.m., except October 2 at 2 p.m. This theatrical tour-de-force parodies a meeting between **Lenin**, **James Joyce**, and **Dadaist Tristan Tzara** in the home of a minor British consular agent in Zurich during World War I. For ticket information, call 265-3728.

The **6th Annual California Men's Gathering** will take place at the **YMCA Camp Loma Mar** near Half Moon Bay October 7-10. "The gathering is designed to be a safe place where men can explore new ways of relating to one another. It will be a place where we can support each other in the changes we are going through and consider possibilities for the future. There will be time to play, to create, to nurture and to exchange political ideas." For info, contact the **Sacramento Men's Collective**, 441-1959.

Now playing Friday and Saturdays through October 29 at 8:30 p.m. at the **All New Gaslight Theater**, 720 Sutter Street in Folsom, is "Let's Do It!," an original musical comedy revue by **John Wilder**. General admission is \$7. Call 985-2093 for reservations.

A brand-new edition of "Places of Interest," a gay guide to the United States and Canada, has just been published. It supplies up-to-date listings of organizations, businesses, and other places and services of interest to gay men and lesbians, with city maps and a set of symbols for easy characterization of places listed. A special feature of the new edition is a section of coupons redeemable for free drinks, discounts on merchandise, and other goodies from various advertisers. "Places of Interest" is available for \$9 postpaid from **Places of Interest Order Department**, P.O. Box 35575, Phoenix, AZ 85069. \*



Rick Van Dyke

## Study Shows More Women Are Voting, Especially In The South

Women are turning out to vote in increasing numbers—particularly in the South, and according to a study by **Vincent Breglio** and **Susan Bryant**, this is a pattern that could spell trouble for President Reagan in 1984, according to an **Associated Press** report August 8.

The two consultants run **Research Strategy Management Inc.**, a firm that works for Republican candidates. It is expected to do some work for Reagan if he seeks re-election. Breglio has worked for Reagan in past elections.

In five key Southern states, the impact of women's votes has increased dramatically since 1976, the study shows.

Based on previously unpublished **Census Bureau** statistics, the study says North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee are states where women vote more than men. More importantly, it says their participation rate is growing much faster.

The researchers found a similar, if not quite so dramatic, pattern in Virginia, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas in 1980 and 1982.

Reagan carried nine of those states in 1980, losing only Georgia to the home-state vote of **Jimmy Carter**. Moreover, the South is a key to 1984 Republican hopes.

"In a large number of states you are finding dramatic changes in the impact of women. More women are registering, more women are voting," Bryant said.

The larger number of women voting is not, in itself, a problem for GOP candidates. But a problem arises when that fact is coupled with the gender gap—the tendency of women to vote more than men against Republican candidates.

"There could well be trouble for Republican candidates in 1984," said Bryant.

Women have made up a majority of voters for a number of years. But in 1980, for the first time, women were the majority of voters in all of the 25 biggest states. The same was true in 1982, except for Louisiana, which has an unusual primary election system that can depress turnout in off-year elections.

For example, Bryant cited North Carolina as the outstanding instance of increased women's impact at the polls.

The **Census** figures show that in 1976, 1,136,000 women were registered to vote, compared with 1,022,000 men. In terms of participation, 936,000 women voted, while only 850,000 men did, a difference of 86,000.

But the gap had widened substantially in 1980. In that year, **Census Bureau**

figures put female registration at 1,249,000 and male registration at 1,119,000.

But the voting gap had widened even more—1,082,000 women said they voted, versus 958,000 men. That's a voting gap of 124,000.

Census figures are based on a massive survey conducted several weeks after each election. It is known that they overstate the number of people who are registered and who vote, because people tend to say they have voted when they have not. But the figures are considered quite reliable for comparison purposes. \*

## Gay State Senator From Minnesota Joins GRNL Board

The **Executive Board** of **Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL)**, the nation's only gay organization lobbying on the national level for lesbian and gay civil rights, announced today that openly gay **Minnesota State Senator Allan Spear** has been chosen as **Co-Chair** of the **Board of Directors**.

Senator Spear replaces **Jerry Weller**, formerly of **Portland, Oregon**, who served as **Co-Chair** for two and a half years. Weller recently moved to **Washington, D.C.**, and accepted the position of **Deputy Director** of **GRNL** and resigned his **Board** position. **Kate McQueen** of **South Portland, Maine** will continue serving as **Co-Chair**.

Senator Spear was first elected to the **Minnesota Senate** in 1972. In December, 1974 he came out as an openly gay man and elected official. After announcing he was gay, Spear received much support in **Minnesota**, including a supportive telephone call from **Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson**.

Spear was re-elected to the **Senate** in 1976 with 69 percent of the vote and was re-elected again in 1980 and 1982. The 1982 election, due to redistricting, put Spear in an entirely new district, yet he was still successful. Currently Senator Spear is **Chair** of the **Senate Judiciary Committee**.

"I'm pleased to take this leadership position with **GRNL** and work with **Executive Director Steve Endean**, who I greatly admire," stated Spear.

Also serving on the 30 member **GRNL Board of Directors** are openly lesbian **Minnesota Representative Karen Clark**; former **President** of the **Legal Services Corporation**, **Dan Bradley**; and founder and **Moderator** of the **Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church**, **Reverend Troy Perry**. \*

## Lesbian/Gay Booth At Ohio State Fair Raises Consciousness For Sixth Year

The **Ohio Lesbian and Gay Network** has occupied the same booth, near the back of the fairground, for every **Ohio State Fair** since 1978. The fair, the nation's largest state fair, attracts an estimated 3 million-plus visitors annually, according to **The Associated Press**.

"Every year, it gets easier," said **Craig Covey**, director of **Stonewall Union**, a **Columbus-based** gay rights organization. "Every year, we get less harassment and less negative comments."

"The reception has always varied," volunteer **Frances Dostal** said, "from people who genuinely have a religious concept that this is opposed to God's will and, you know, a very stereotypical view, to people who recognize us as a viable minority ... that we are everywhere."

But not everyone who stops to talk is friendly, and arguments are not unusual.

"We enjoy that, though. We get a good crowd," Dostal said. "Sometimes people walking by will get involved and we'll have a huge discussion. The other night, we must have had 15 people standing here arguing."

However, "I would say a larger number of people that come by smile and say, 'It's good to see you,'" she said.

Dostal said she is not gay but supports gay rights.

This year, the booth offers a number of pamphlets about homosexuality, including an informational brochure about **AIDS**.

The booth also invites fairgoers to sign one petition urging the repeal of "offensive and demeaning language" about homosexuals in the nation's immigration laws and another opposing infringements on homosexuals' civil rights. Covey estimated more than 500 people have signed each petition.

Dostal said, "We like people to know that even in the Midwest, which has never been a mecca for gay people ... that more and more (gay) people are staying."

She continued, "They are not migrating to the coasts as they had to do years ago. They are staying where their roots are." \*



# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, September 7

\* The STAR is published.

## Thursday, September 8

\* Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

\* NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets. Call Marci, 921-2835 for location. 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, September 9

\* Davis Gay Task Force Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 758-2110 for place.

\* Sacramento Men's Collective backpacking trip to Fourth of July Lake in the High Sierra. Through Sept. 11. Call Eric, 736-2374.

## Saturday, September 10

\* Mary Kay Blakely speaks on "Temper Tantrums and Other Strategies for the '80s." NOW Focus 6 Feminist Lecture Series. \$8. Redwood Room, CSUS University Union. 10:30 a.m.

\* SDA Kinship Potluck. 455-8940 for information.

\* Intimacy Seminar for Gay Men. Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. \$65 registration fee by Sept. 3. to Berlin Bosworth, 1650 Clay St., San Francisco 94109. For info call (415) 776-6136.

\* Pickle Family Circus. Sierra II Community Center, 2791 24th St. Crafts booths, food, and games. Shows at noon and 3 p.m. Ticket info at 452-3005. Tower Tickets, Sacramento Savings and Loan.

\* First Annual Night In White. Sponsored by Amber House Bed & Breakfast and Vacation Station Travel in the spirit of fun. Harp & flute music. Bring picnic & beverage. Dress in white. On the lawn, near the pond, McKinley Park, Alhambra & H Streets. 6:30-10 p.m.

## Sunday, September 11

\* Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

\* Pickle Family Circus. Sierra II Community Center, 2791 24th St. Crafts booths, food, and games. Shows at noon and 3 p.m. Ticket info at 452-3005. Tower Tickets, Sacramento Savings and Loan.

\* Dignity Mass/meeting. St. Francis Church, 26th and K Streets. 3 p.m. 444-8939 for info.

\* Sacramento Gay Fathers potluck & business meeting. For time, place, and other information, call Ron or Val at 441-4594, or Ken at 392-4128.

\* Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

## Monday, September 12

\* National Women's Political Caucus. Sacramento chapter meeting with guest Jim Schultz of Common Cause speaking on campaign financing. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J Street. 7 p.m. Call Carolynne Born at 447-0129 or Val Anderson at 456-8866 for more information.

\* Raza del Ambiente meeting. Latina/Latino lesbians and gay men welcome. 1353 60th Street. 7:30 p.m. Call Xavier at 756-1942 for information.

\* River City Business Association General Meeting. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 13

\* Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

\* Emil Stepanovich, Jr., State Attorney General's liaison for lesbian and gay issues, is guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Advocates for Lesbian & Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 14

\* The STAR is published.

\* Planning meeting 1984 Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration committee. Call Tim, 454-0106, for time and place.

\* Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

## Thursday, September 15

\* Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

\* CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union general meeting. Showing the film "Pink Triangles." California Suite, University Union, CSUS. 8 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

\* Class: Color and Design for Textile and Fiber Artists. Taught by Maria Winkler. For fee and registration information call 442-9225 or 685-9644. Sponsored by Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts. Room 11, Sierra II, 2791 24th St. 7-9:30 p.m.

## Friday, September 16

\* Women Take Back the Night March: "Women Walking \* Men Talking." Rap group for men during women's march. Child care available. Call Sheila at 447-3223 for more information. Assemble at 10th Street steps of State Capitol. 7:30 p.m. March begins at 8 p.m. Rally at 10th Street steps. 8:45 p.m.

\* River City Democratic Club meeting and potluck. Senior Citizens Center, 27th & J St. 6:30 p.m.

\* CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union potluck. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for location.

## Sunday, September 18

\* Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

\* Women In Dignity potluck. Call Alberta, 443-8084 (days) or Dignity phone, 444-8939, for time and place.

\* Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

\* River City Democratic Club champagne reception fund-raiser honoring endorsed mayor and city council candidates. \$15. 5861 14th Street. 2-6 p.m. Call Ronn Farland, 456-2420, or Phil Hoskins, 444-9939, for directions and other details.

## Monday, September 19

\* CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union Open Door rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for location.

## Tuesday, September 20

\* Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

\* Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays Rap Group. Facilitated by Valerie Winn and Will Green. Geneva Room, Fremont Presbyterian Church, H St. at Carlson Drive. 7:30 p.m. Call 428-4348 for info.

## Wednesday, September 21

\* Deadline for The STAR.

\* Sacramento NOW chapter meeting. Sacramento Women's Center representatives discuss their programs. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J Street. 7 p.m.

\* Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. La Semilla, 312 20th St. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

\* Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Tom Richardson and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

## Thursday, September 22

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## Saturday, September 24

\* "See How She Runs." All-day seminar for

women interested in running for office and working in political campaigns. Sponsored by Sacramento chapter National Women's Political Caucus and Sacramento Women's Campaign Fund. Registration \$35, \$25 for members, lunch included. State Capitol, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. P.O. Box 161533, Sacramento 95816. Attn: Donna Dae. 969-8628.

\* Old City Community Issues & Action workshop sponsored by Sacramento Old City Association. Speakers include Assemblyman Phil Isenberg. Registration \$5 advance, \$6.50 at the door, includes continental breakfast by At Six. Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th Street, Room 10. 8:30 a.m.-noon. For information and registration, call Gregg Campbell, 457-8340 or 454-6206.

## Sunday, September 25

\* Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for place and directions.

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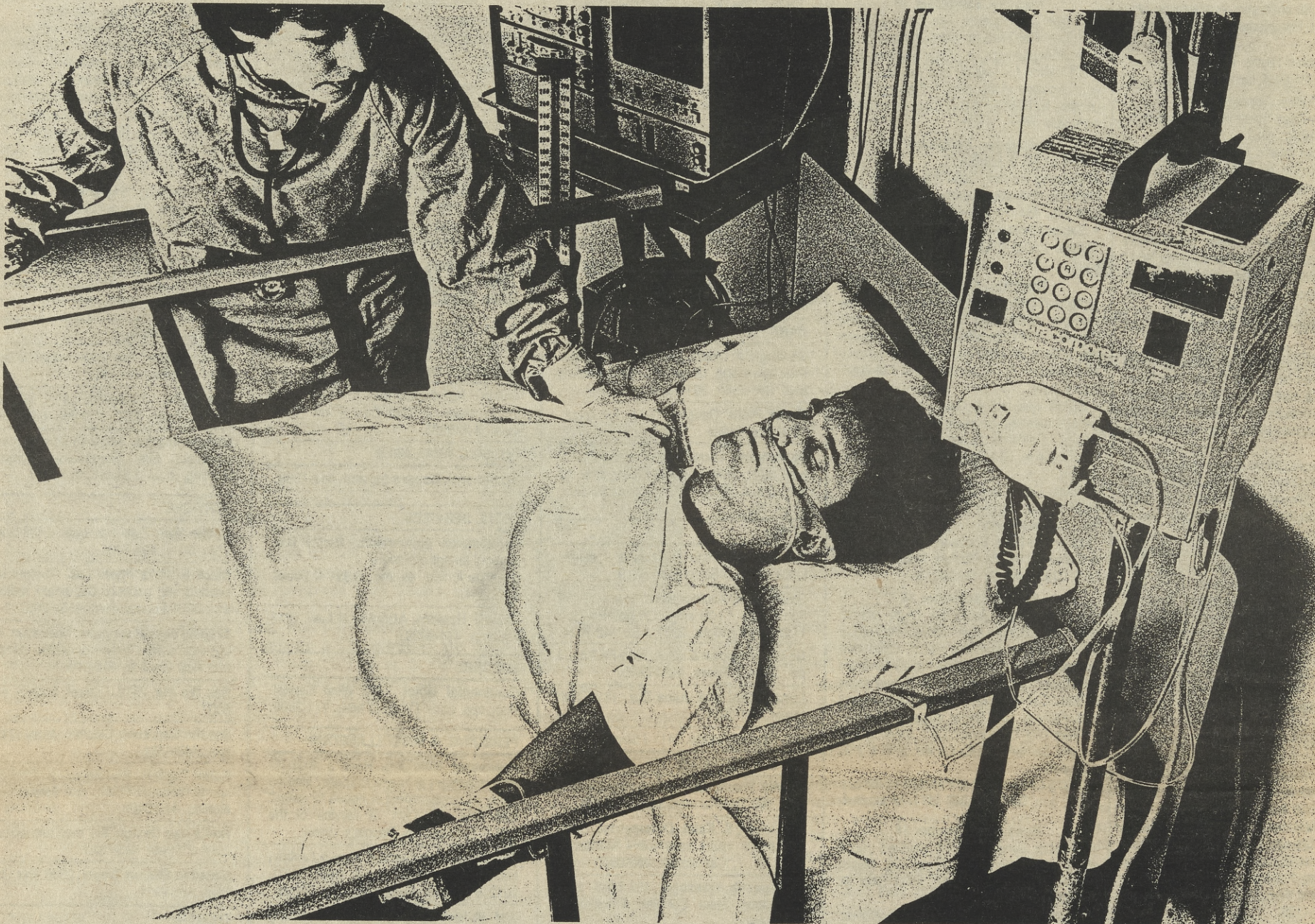
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